

TO THE CITIZENS OF COLEMAN
We Wish a Very Merry



And a Prosperous New Year

... The familiar Christmas Carols we sing every year, and never tire of ... Silent Night ... Oh, Come All Ye Faithful ... The First Noel ... all the lovely songs rendered in church, at home, and wherever free people are gathered, these things are Christmas.

... The Child-like traditions which young and old enjoy ... the stockings at the fireplace ... the poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" ... Dickens' Christmas Carol ... the tree gleaming in the parlor ... the secrecy and expectancy of bright faces, these things are Christmas.

... The last-minute rush in everything we do ... rushing to meet the mailman ... rushing to meet the train ... rush to get more multi-colored lights that glitter and reflect the beauty of the most beautiful of all seasons, these things are Christmas.

... The beautiful spirit of giving ... giving not only presents, or money to the poor ... but giving our love, our willingness to help, our benevolence, our friendship to all, these things are Christmas.

International Coal & Coke Company, Limited
and
McGillivray Creek Coal & Coke Co., Limited

Peace on Earth — Good Will To All

It is our hope that the patronage we have enjoyed during the past year has been justified by the service we have rendered and that our service may be improved to warrant your continued good-will through the years to come. To all A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

RED and WHITE STORE

Ross & Owen, Props

Phone 78, Coleman

Good Fortune

To all our patrons—those who have shared with us and those who will share with us in the future—our heartiest and sincerest greetings. May Christmas be your best!

Sentinel Motors

Russell H. Meir, Prop.



The Season's Greetings to You

We have pleasure in extending the Season's Greetings to our Policyholders. We have appreciated your loyal co-operation during the past year, and trust that 1949 will bring you happiness.

WILSON INSURANCE AGENCIES

Fire, Life, Accident, Automobile.

Phone 378J

WITH HEARTIEST GREETINGS

Not just a wish for Christmas,
But a wish for each day of the year.
And never were greetings more hearty
Or wishes more true and sincere.

Coleman Light & Water Company
Limited

Coleman Town Council

JOINS in expressing good wishes at this season to the Ratepayers of Coleman and trusts that everyone will enjoy the Christmas Season in a spirit of friendship and co-operation.



Frank Abousafy, Mayor,
George Jenkins, Wilfrid Dutt, James Lowe, John Ramsay
and Adam Wilson—Councillors.

Season's Greetings

GOOD health, great happiness and joyous life to all are the wishes we extend to you this best Christmas season.

Nicholas' Dry Goods

MAY merriment smile upon you through your remaining years
This is the Christmas Wish of

Modern Electric

"For Everything Electrical"

Phone 79 Coleman



Best Wishes Once Again

to all and my sincere wish that the coming year bring Peace on Earth and Goodwill to ward Men

IDRIS EVANS

Metropolitan Life Assurance Company

BLAIRMORE

PHONE 266

Hearty Season's Greetings

To the Citizens of Coleman
and
Coleman School District No. 1216

May your Christmas be a joyous one,
and may that joy soon spread
over the entire world.

COLEMAN SCHOOL BOARD

George Evans - Chairman
D. Holly, O. Bomben, J. Wilkie, M. Cornett - Trustees

GREETINGS

GOOD health, great happiness and prosperity to all are the wishes we extend to all in this best Christmas season of many long years.

Coleman Café

"The Best Place for Eats"



For Happiness

GOOD health, great happiness and prosperity to all are the wishes we extend to all in this best Christmas season of many long years.

Coleman Motors

Lilya & Wilson, Props.

To our Customers and Friends throughout the Crows Nest Pass we wish to extend our appreciation for their business, and to extend Hearty Good Wishes throughout the coming year.



Merry Xmas
TO ALL!

ROOMS WITH BATH
Hot and Cold Water in Every Room
GRAND UNION COFFEE SHOP
in connection

GRAND UNION HOTEL

L. S. Richards, Manager



GOOD health, great happiness and prosperity to all are the wishes we extend in this best Christmas season of many long years.

The Empire Hotel

Joe Misson, Manager

To Our Customers

We wish you a Merry Christmas, right heartily:

Lots of friends to give you greeting;

A season filled with blessings.

HOLYK'S



Christmas Greetings

May Christmas bring you the Season's fullest measure of Good Cheer and Happiness. May you find the New Year a generous one in Health, Wealth and Happiness.

Evan Gushul Studio

Coleman, Alberta

Christmas Greetings

Sincere Greetings to all our Customers and Friends.

Wishing Everybody

The Compliments of the Season

Coleman Hardware & Furniture Co.

Good Will to All...

GREAT good cheer, prosperity, health and glad tidings—we wish them all to everyone in this season of peace and goodwill toward all men.

The Fashion Shop

J. L. DeLuca, Proprietor

Hearty Season's Greetings

TO you and yours in appreciation of your goodwill, we extend our wishes for—
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Rudy's Shoe Store



J. M. CHALMERS - Jeweler - Coleman



STAR SHOE & REPAIR STORE

Christmas Message



Christmas tells of the birth of a Child. What Christmas means to us will depend on our answer to the question "WHO WAS THAT CHILD?" There is no question that men can ask more important than this.

Christmas is widely celebrated as a time of good cheer and good will, when kindness and thoughtfulness for others should predominate. This is all to the good. But what of the Child Himself whose day it is?

For Christmas is treated as a children's festival, with Santa Claus and Tree and stocking at the centre. As though the Christmas story of the birth of Christ were a fairy tale, a pretty story for children, but had no meaning or relevance for grownup folk.

These attitudes to Christmas are based on the belief that Christ was a good man who came to help men by his teaching and example so that they would treat one another with kindness and good will. Many today openly or tacitly make this answer to our question.

The Christian keeping of Christmas is based on an answer that goes far beyond this statement.

Christmas commemorates the most stupendous event that ever took place in the world's history. The Child who was born at Bethlehem and lay in Blessed Mary's arms was no mere human child. He was the Son of God "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made Man." This is not some symbolic statement with a mysterious meaning that only a subtle mind can grasp. As a literal fact of history, we proclaim that the God whom we worship was born on this earth on a certain day in a certain year of a humble Maiden in a little village of Palestine. In that little Child we recognize and worship the God who made us, to whom we belong.

We Christians believe in the love of God. But God's love is not like that of some benevolent millionaire who gives alms generously to the poor, but is himself untouched by the sorrow he sees. The Christmas story is the marvellous drama of how God the Son was not content to remain in Heaven while His children were suffering and struggling on earth. He came down to earth to share His people's life, their poverty their troubles and temptations, and to save them. God's love is no sentimental benevolence. It has the same character of self-sacrifice that all human love has at its highest, but to a degree that is beyond our minds to grasp. God became Man!

Here is the only basis for human brotherhood. Christians place an infinitely high value on human life and personality. The humblest man or woman has an infinite capacity for good. God believed what human nature is capable of when He united it to Himself at Bethlehem. In the light of that fact differences of race, colour, language, wealth, and social position are completely irrelevant. No Christian who understands what happened at Christmas can ever discriminate against another for these reasons: Christmas teaches brotherhood and good will to all men.

Finally, at Christmas we know that we are not merely commemorating a past event, but a present fact. God has come down into His world. The Child of Bethlehem is alive today, our God and our King. The work that He began at Bethlehem He will not cease from until it is finished. No matter what mess we get our world into, or our own individual lives, nothing is hopeless when God is allowed to take a hand. He will never compel our love and obedience. But those who serve Him know His presence and His power.

Christ comes to all who will be humble and childlike in heart. For God loves to hide Himself where only such can find Him—hidden in the Manger at Bethlehem in the form of a helpless Babe—hidden in the Blessed Sacrament under the form of bread and wine. The Manger and the Altar at Christmas time are one. May we, like the shepherds of old, seek and find the Babe of Bethlehem there.

Christmas Message



THE CRISIS OF CHRISTMAS

"It all began in Palestine. The world was heavy with evil. Men were hungry and full of hate. There were tyrants in the seats of power, and millions of hearts were strained with fear. God gave man the answer. It was the gift of an idea. And God wrapped it in the fraillest package of the flesh—the heart of a newborn Baby".

So wrote Peter Howard, one of England's outstanding writers, a couple of years ago, concerning the Babe of Bethlehem.

Christ was born at a time of dark crisis. The New Testament has this recorded: "There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed" Rome, by means of brute force, had brought the world under military dictatorship. Men's hearts were failing them for fear. People everywhere were crying for a Deliverer. And at this blackest hour of the world's history Christ was born. And, with His coming, hope was born in human hearts.

What did the Christ bring to humanity? A new idea which, taking root in human hearts, was destined to change the world. Christ is the greatest Revolutionist the world has ever seen.

He has revolutionized History. Time is dated from Him. The Dean Emeritus of Yale Divinity School says "Here is one who has made His birthday, born though He was in the manger of a stable in an out-of-the-way place, the starting point from which all the leading nations of earth reckon their time."

At Bethlehem He divided the stream of time, allowing one part to flow back into ancient pagan history, and starting the other to flow forward through succeeding Christian ages till "that one far-off Divine event" would be attained, and the Kingdoms of the world would become the Kingdom of our blessed Lord.

Then Christ revolutionized Theology. For the old-time law of Retaliation He substituted the new law into men's minds and wrote it in their hearts. He believed that the political order could be changed not by a new sword but by a new spirit. Instead of crushing people by force He preached and practised the way of winning them by love. This revolutionary law of love is the world's only hope. It works. Jean Paul Richter says of this Advocate of love, "He has lifted with His pierced hands empires off their hinges and turned the stream of centuries out of its channel, and still governs the ages."

Then His Revolutionary spirit has transformed the individual. Perhaps no one tells that story better than Chas. Dickens in "A Christmas Carol". He pictures old Scrooge a tight-fisted, squeezing, wrenching, gasping, covetous old sinner who carried his own low temperature always about with him, iced his office in the dog-days and didn't thaw it one degree at Christmas. But the Christ spirit got entrance into his heart and he became a new man, "as good a friend, as good a Master, and as good a man as the good old City knew or any other good old city, town or borough, in the good old world."

That is the joy that Christ brings at Christmas time to all who will welcome Him. And this joy and gladness is intended for the Miners of Coleman as well as for the shepherds of Bethlehem.

"Shine, shine, O Light, and warm my heart
As coal doth warm our hands,
I lift my pick; the hard seams part,
And lo, the Master stands
And whispers His Commands.

"Then merrily the shovels ring,
And swiftly loads the car;
We too have heard the angels sing,
Each forehead near and far
Shines with a Christmas star."
—Robert Magowan



HEARTIEST GREETINGS
and sincere Good Wishes for Christmas
and the Coming Year to All

The Coleman Hotel

M. Lusich, Proprietor

To the People of Coleman and District we extend

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

MODERN CAFE

Joe Lombardi, Proprietor

Happy Christmas

and a
Prosperous
New Year

To All
Customers and Friends

ZAK'S

Coleman and Bellevue



With Heartiest Greetings

This greeting's an old, old story,
Taken from an old, old page.
But just like all good stories,
It still improves with age.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Park's Grocery

Phone 198, Main Street, Coleman

Christmas Greetings

TO you and yours in our community may this indeed be a Christmas of hearty good cheer. At this season we pause to thank our patrons for the assistance they have given us in the successful pursuit of our business and to assure them that we shall strive to serve in even more complete ways.

O. CELLI

Contractor

A Thought For You...

GREAT good cheer, prosperity, health and glad tidings, we wish them all to you in this season of peace and goodwill toward all men.

The Motordrome

Jim Wilkie, Proprietor

WITH HEARTIEST GREETINGS

and Sincere Good Wishes
for Christmas and the Coming Year To All

LAMEY INSURANCE AGENCIES

FIRE, LIFE, ACCIDENT and AUTOMOBILE

Office in Kubik Block Phone 46, Blairmore



The Scott Fruit Company

Lethbridge, Alberta

"PACKERS OF SCONA BRAND PACKAGED FOODS"

L. W. Moore, Manager - Wm. Ferby, Pass Representative

1948 Board Of-Trade Activities Pass In Review; Good Year And Membership Interest High

Coleman Board of Trade has come to the end of another active year, this time under the able chairmanship of Mr. Percy Dickleson. Interest in the Board continues high and much incentive is given an energetic committee to bring about conditions that are advantageous to the citizens of Coleman and the Crows Nest Pass generally. Hon. W. A. Fallow

EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

by Don Graham

Do you want to give people an impression of keenness, efficiency and exceptional intelligence? Do you want to be more successful in persuading others to act in a certain way or adopt a certain opinion?

Then analyze every thought before you attempt to express it! One of the most important secrets of effective speech lies in knowing how to do this. Here are two suggestions:

First, be sure you know exactly what you want to say. If you don't, you'll have difficulty putting your thoughts into words. And they will sound vague, unimpressive and perhaps even confusing to listeners. So reduce your ideas to simple, basic form. Get the "heart" of the idea clear in your own mind.

Next, choose your words carefully. Say precisely what you mean.

Your manner and voice, too, can add to the effectiveness of your speech. Look directly at your hearers. Speak in a clear, firm voice. Never mumble.

If you follow these suggestions you will not only create a better impression on others you'll gain new self-confidence too!

Fact that speaks for itself: Today over four and one-half million Canadians in all walks of life are life insurance owners.

verse as no work was done on any section of the highway.

One of the highlights in the Board's activities this year occurred in the early part of the year when the late Hon. W. A. Fallow paid the Pass a visit as the guest of the Board. Mr. Fallow spoke on his highways program as it affected Alberta generally. He did hint that the Pincher Creek-Crows Nest No. 3 highway would be surveyed and that probably work would be started in 1949 but events during the summer proved the re-

The Board endeavored without success to have the two local afternoon trains handle daily mail. It was claimed that the mail service in the Pass would be speeded up considerably. The Postal Department countered with "cost would be excessive" and since the Department was in the driver's seat that was that.

To maintain a healthy and vigorous executive it was decided that any executive member missing three consecutive executive meetings without reasonable excuse would be dropped from the executive. As a result several members who failed to show much enthusiasm were dropped and replaced with men who had the Board's and town's interests at heart. The Board has benefited tremendously by this ruling.

TEACHERS
The Board gave endorsement to the appeal of the teachers of Alberta to become recognized as civil servants and benefit through the Civil Servants' Pension Fund. Acknowledgement of the Board's endorsement was received from Premier Manning himself.

Another outstanding speaker who was the guest of the Board was Mr. H. G. Jensen, of the Eastern Rockies Conservation Board. He gave a resume of the Board's aims. Since his visit the new Forestry Road has already started north of Coleman and will eventually reach Kannanaskis. It will reduce the latter point running south to Coleman and from here to Waterton National Park. It will be a valuable asset to the tourist industry in years to come.

The Red Cross Blood Donor clinic was invited to Coleman and secured the Board's full cooperation. It had a successful clinic.

NELSON CARAVAN
One of the historical points in the year's local history was the "On To Nelson Caravan" which originated in Lethbridge through the Chamber of Commerce. Coleman endorsed the project wholeheartedly and while the caravan was delayed in the spring by floods it finally reached a successful conclusion in September. An Association has been organized to boost the southern Trans-Canada Highway and will no doubt be a big factor in helping Ottawa decide just where the No. 1 Trans-Canada highway should be located. Board of Trade president Percy Dickleson was honored by the convention by being appointed one of the Alberta directors on the Association, an honor of which the Board is

justly proud.

HISTORICAL BOOKLET

A historical booklet was mooted and a great deal of preliminary effort was put into the project. It is to cover the history of the Crows Nest Pass since 1903. However it has been delayed a year in order that high school teacher James Cousins can complete his thesis on the history of the Pass and his work will be incorporated into the book.

RODEO

In June work started in earnest in preparing for the Rodeo. The entire town is mobilized for this one really big annual affair and on Rodeo Day the sun shone bright, the cash customers came in their thousands, the cowboys put on a great show and Coleman held the spotlight for one solid day. The receipts showed the Civic Center Fund benefitting to the tune of approximately \$2,000.

Mr. R. G. Lillie of the Central Housing & Mortgage Corporation addressed the Board members and also the interested members of the public. He showed how Coleman's acute membership shortage could be alleviated. Despite the Board's follow up no citizen appeared interested in taking advantage of the borrowing opportunities offered. Cost of construction was mainly responsible for the lack of local interest.

T.B. X-RAY CLINIC

The Board was first approached regarding a visit to Coleman of the T.B. X-Ray Clinic. Since the Lions had sponsored the first visit of the Clinic that club was asked to take over sponsorship. The Board gave its full co-operation and coupled with the good work of the Lions plus the co-operation of the citizens Coleman had a most successful clinic.

The Board paid tribute to Coleman's war dead of the two wars by taking part in the Remembrance Day service through the laying of a wreath at the base of the new Cenotaph.

TOURIST TRADE

The business of trying to encourage the tourists through the Crows Nest Pass and encouraged by reports that a modern highway would wind its way through the Pass by 1950 caused the Board members to give thought to tourist propaganda. It has been decided to print 6,000 tourist pamphlets and distribute them far and wide. It will require several years to educate the tourists to come through this scenic paradise due to the atrocious roads which have prevailed here in the past.

Now the Board is giving attention to encouraging some interested parties to a new dry plant in Coleman. The business is here for any aggressive businessman who wishes to start up.

The Board is a decided asset to the Community. Some of its work gets the spot-light of publicity. Other work, just as important, fails to get due recognition. Some day the Pass towns might boast of a seaplane base at Crows Nest Lake. If it comes to pass the Coleman Board of Trade will have done its share to bring this about.

Being a small town it is at times hard to get official recognition from the senior governments that some government offices should be located in town to serve better the interests of the citizens. In Coleman we have an antiquated post office that is barely able to maintain proper facilities to handle the ever growing business transacted at the local depot. Only through constant agitation for public buildings, modern highways, etc. can one ever hope to progress in making the community a better place in which to live.

BACK IN SPRING

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boulton left Friday on several months' vacation. Their first stop will be at St. Catharines, Ont., where they will visit Mr. Boulton's brother, the two men meeting for the first time in eighteen years. Following Christmas Mrs. Boulton will continue on to Mold, Wales, where she will visit relatives for two or three months. In the meantime Harry will have taken delivery of a 1949 Ford and will be cruising around the Toronto district visiting old friends.

"When will you be back, Harry?" asked The Journal. "When the gophers come out," he replied. Mrs. Boulton stated the roses would be in bloom when they returned.

Harry arranged to have The Journal reach him each week in eastern Canada and he will keep track of the winners of the various bounties in the Pass. This will be his first year in a great many that he has failed to be around for bounties. Prior to her departure Mrs. Boulton was invited to the social hour of the Past Chief's Club of the Pythian Sisters and also to a social hour in her honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Glendenning.

Miss Belle Flynn, of Calgary, is expected home Christmas eve to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Flynn.

MAYOR FRANK ABOUSSAFY BEREAVED

The death occurred at Wetaskiwin on Sunday of Mrs. A. E. Aboussafy, 73, mother of Mayor Frank Aboussafy. Deceased had been ill for five weeks.

Mayor Aboussafy received word of his mother's passing that evening and left by car on Monday for Wetaskiwin. Deceased, who had resided for over forty years at Wetaskiwin, was re-deceased by her husband five years ago.

Edmund Aboussafy, university student, will attend his grandmother's funeral and accompany his father home for the Xmas holidays.

Paul Kublin Committed Suicide Monday Morning

Found by Mrs. Steve Yagos; Had Shot Himself With a .22 Rifle; Leaves Will.

Paul Kublin, 62, Coleman old-timer, was found dead in his little house on the crest of Blairmore Road at 710 a.m. Monday. Mrs. Steve Yagos, R.C.M.P., aided by Dr. E. Aleio examined the body at approximately 8.45 a.m. and found that death had resulted from a .22 calibre rifle wound in the face. Dr. Aleio estimated that the man had been dead several hours before found.

The body was discovered by Mrs. Steve Yagos, a neighbor, who had been looking after deceased by tidying his home and washing his clothes. On Sunday she had asked his permission to take his clothes and window curtains over to her home to wash them early the following morning. He had put her off by remarking that she could come over Monday morning early and get the clothing as he would have everything in readiness for her.

Mrs. Yagos was up at 5 a.m. and failed to see a light in deceased home. Shortly after she noticed a light and at approximately 7:10 she went over to the Kublin home to get the clothes. The front door was locked which was unusual as deceased usually left it open. She peered through the door window and into a room where she could see deceased lying on the floor arm outstretched. He looked a deathly color and she immediately ran to the home of Tom Kropnik for help. The latter, who was preparing for work, immediately notified the R.C.M.P. and the doctor who soon arrived on the scene. The police broke the door window to secure entrance and found that deceased was dead. Coroner McPherson decided that no inquest was necessary.

Deceased came to Coleman on or about 1911. He was born in Poland in 1886 and is a naturalized Canadian. He was a widower. A brother-in-law, Mr. Tom Kobza, resides here and a niece, Mrs. Joe Pytlarz resides at Lethbridge.

Deceased left a will and as this is written on Monday morning no funeral arrangements had been entered into.

Elks To Give Kiddies Two Free Matinees

Shows Will Be Given Monday and Friday, December 27 and 31, At 2 p.m.

Coleman Elks will again be "Uncle Bills" to the youngsters of Coleman for elsewhere in this issue is an advertisement inviting all the youngsters to attend the "Brother Bills" Monday evening and again on Friday, Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. each afternoon in the Roxy Theatre.

This is an annual treat which the Elks' lodge gives the local youngsters and usually the theatre is filled to capacity by eager youngsters anxious to see a wild west show.

Roxy theatre manager assures the youngsters that he will have a film showing plenty of action and that they will have two hours of cowboys and horses galloping over hills and dale in search of desperate desperadoes. As in the past the Elks will again have a large committee watching over the youngsters and parents are asked to have no hesitation in sending their youngsters to the two matinees as they will have ample protection.

LEGION NOTES

The Xmas tournaments are coming to a close. The Dominoes were to have been played to a close on Monday evening. Other competitions completed saw Jim Drew win a turkey for himself and family by proving himself the best of the sharpshooters. Neil Fleming reigns a hero in his own home by winning a turkey on nine-card-draw. Mrs. Freddy Johnson kept her family happy with a turkey won on the free draw.

The wheel is spinning merrily these evenings as the Legion is giving away two good boxes of chocolates at ten cents a throw to the holders of lucky numbers.

Miners' Welfare Scheme Ready To Into Operation; "Burned Out" Miners To Receive \$60 Monthly

Fifty Eligible In Coleman; Cheques Expected To Be Received Early In New Year; Coleman Has Already Received \$2,500 In Dead Benefits

Union secretary Wm. J. White is busy these days having approximately fifty miners eligible for the Welfare Fund fill out 7 different forms in addition to the medical check-ups which they will have to undergo and the two forms which they must fill out in the doctor's presence.

The Welfare Fund is to benefit those burned out miners who have worked in the mines of Alberta or British Columbia 20 years or more, the last five of which has been worked in a mine, the operators of which having contributed to the Welfare Fund.

Sixteen applications have already been forwarded to the Calgary office of the U.M.W.A. District 18. The other applications will follow in due course. The burned out miner will receive \$60 per month, the burned

out miner drawing the Old Age pension will benefit to the amount of an additional \$240 revenue to a year's period.

This is the second phase of the Welfare scheme. The first phase was the "Dead Benefits". When a miner died the widow was given \$850 in death benefits which helped to take care of sundry expenses.

It had been hoped that the cheques to those eligible for Welfare Benefits would have been issued prior to Christmas but this hope has been shattered due to an unavoidable delay. However Secretary White confidently expects that the first cheques should be received early in the New Year.

Those eligible for the benefits are all members of the U.M.W.A. and who are maintaining their membership through the years.

Says Contractor D'Appolonia . . .

I cannot understand the attitude of the town council towards the Italian Society's hall.

While it is true that a portion of this building may be old, we wish to point out that when renovations were made to the town's dyer in 1934 or 35 by J. S. D'Appolonia that the interior of this building was totally dismantled and rebuilt with the best known construction methods and the best of materials obtainable at that time. In its design and construction all engineering was applied for safety first, taking into account all possible overloads.

It also wish to point out that on the opening of this hall that there was a capacity crowd of over 500 and that for a number of years afterwards that dances continued without the council giving any thought to the safety of people occupying the hall.

The hall has two regular and very safe exits which comply with the Alberta government regulations. Due to the possibility of overcrowding two additional exits were provided. These exits were to be used by the council's committee and the town of Coleman.

As a member of this organization I am confident that the council's attitude towards the hall and that the council has made no effort to show these officials where this building or hall is unsafe or obsolete in any manner. To further prove the membership of this organization spends money every year to take care of any structural

members or any finish that may in any way depreciate this building to any extent.

Further at a special meeting it was placed in my hands to provide the necessary rope for the additional two exits in the event of fire, same were to be installed by M. Montalbetti and the latter to have the local fire chief examine knots and rope for the safe exit of persons occupying this hall.

Attention, Please!

In respect to statements made at the last council meeting regarding the forthcoming dances in the Italian hall it was not the intention of the council to have these dances stopped nor to detract from the season's activities.

But we did want to point out the advisability of having every precaution taken in respect to these dances that could develop into a serious accident of loss of life.

THE COUNCIL

"NO ARRANGEMENTS MADE YET" STATES RUSHTON
St. John Ambulance secretary St. Rushton stated on Monday afternoon that as far as his area no arrangements had been entered into between the Association and the Town council regarding the policing of the area around the hall or how many would be permitted to enter the hall at the one time.

A meeting had been held between the police committee and the Association executive last Wednesday morning but no decisions had been arrived at.

To All Children Of Coleman

You are requested to be the guests of the B. P. O. of ELKS at Picture Shows in the Roxy Theatre on

Monday, December 27th

and

Friday, December 31st

Both shows commencing at 2 p.m.

The "Brother Bills" will be in attendance to take care of your comforts. Come along all you kiddies.

Signed, "BILLS"

No Milk Deliveries

Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 25 and 26

or

Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 1 and 2

We ask our customers to please take note that our men will not deliver milk on the above mentioned days, and ask them to govern themselves accordingly.

PASS DAIRY

J. Fauville, Manager Phone 138m, Bellevue

FOR BETTER PASTRY

— TRY THE —

MODEL BAKERY

Henry Vissar, Proprietor, Coleman



St. John Ambulance Association

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S

DANCE

in the ITALIAN HALL, Coleman

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st

commencing at 9 p.m.

ROYAL CANADIANS ORCHESTRA

DOOR PRIZES—Four Five Dollar Bills

Admission Per Person 50c

Cloak Room Facilities in conjunction with dance



COLEMAN ELKS' ANNUAL

CHRISTMAS EVE

Dance

in the ITALIAN HALL, Coleman

Friday, December 24th

commencing at 9 p.m.

ROYAL CANADIANS ORCHESTRA

This is designed as the Premier Dance of the Season

Admission Per Person 75c

Proceeds for Elks' Charities

OUR CHRISTMAS STORY—

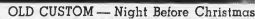
By Helen Ann Krupka

**FUTURE IS FORETOLD
BY DROWSY HENS**

Old songs were sung to accompany such goings-on, while the girls and women vied to devise complete stories based on the antics of the hen-

Elizabeth signed it, "Your mother," slipped it into the little pink envelope, and sealed it.

The word "Yule" for Christmas comes from the Anglo-Saxon "geol" meaning December. 280

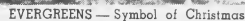


A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

To such a place of Innocence
Although it be not broad,
Might come the holy ones of
heaven,
Might come the purple-shod,
To kneel and gaze on God.
—Audrey Alexandra Brown.

HUNTING THE WREN IN OLD IRELAND

shed blood, the prickly leaves the crown of thorns, and the bitterness of the bark the gall the Saviour drank when on the cross.



OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

WINGS AND CHAPS

"An Act Of Stealing Your Own Cattle."

HAZEL looked up with sudden fear. A plane? In this region? She thrilled at the marvelous picture it made—skimming over the rugged, deep-hued Sierra Madres. It was coming toward her. In a minute it was dipping between those sturdy old points, Tom and Ben.

It added a distinctly new note to the whole affair. Even with that well-earned self-possession and composure of hers a foreboding chill went over her. Did this mean—?

The plane circled now, as if for a landing. If it did land it must be so on this mesa. Yes! It was touching earth. The wheels bobbed lightly and then rolled gracefully over the tufted ground. It taxied toward her, a white chapped figure on the horse that snorted nervously at this agile, hitherto unseen monster.

Never moving her eyes she watched the person who jumped lightly from the cockpit. Her premonition had been right. It was Blaine, her neighbor on the ranch just across the river.

"Good day," he greeted with exaggerated politeness. She flushed as she caught the subtle note in it. Was he mocking her? As he had other times?

"Good day," she returned, just as polite. "So you are an aviator—nothing else."

"Yes... Even if I do seem such a ridiculous greenhorn as a rancher to you... You see, I had my plane shipped here to me, as soon as I saw that I was going to like the scenery so well."

She flushed again. "New Mexico is far-famed for its scenery," she snapped. Mentally she was asking just why she had been so disinclined to him ever since he had come, when she didn't at all feel that way. Not for the world now would she let him see this. Yet, she had always felt a certain contempt for what she considered his tenderfoot ways. And when he had offered to help locate her cattle tiffed were being systematically rustled—it was ridiculous. Why, not even the sheriff could find them.

"I see that you were out before daybreak this morning," he said. She looked at him with a start. "What of it, I'm often up early." She examined him with a new interest. "And how did you happen to see me?"

"I was standing beside a cottonwood at the stream when you let your horse drink. I suppose you never noticed me. But I recognized your white goat-skin chaps. I wager there isn't a pair like them in the next five counties. They are most becoming."

She wheeled her horse. "Save your compliments," she flung back at him, and dug her heels into her horse's flanks.

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He watched her for the briefest time. Then he drew a revolver and deliberately fired. She pulled up her horse so short that only expert ability in the saddle kept her in it. Anger she wheeled it on its hind feet and the mount made a lunge back toward him. Her gun leaped into her hand.

"What do you mean?" "Sorry! But I was afraid I could not attract your attention any other way... I have something very important to tell you."

"You! Something important to tell me?" "Just the same! Importantly, I have."

"Well, what is it?" He glanced at her closely, walking up to Prince, her horse, and slipping his hand into the bridle. "Won't you tell me why you were out so early this morning?" he asked gently.

"Something hot stung her eye, but she flamed out: 'What business is that of yours?'"

"Because I've found out something. Has any new development occurred?"

"She bit her lip. 'Well, yes, if you must know... Twenty-eight more steers disappeared last night.'"

"You thought so! What do you mean?" "Connected with the disappearance? No? But I know where they are!"

Her face went white. "What?"

"And also where the rest of the cattle rustled from the Double X ranch are cached."

"How could you find that out? Everyone around has tried."

"With Caesar, my plane... There is a certain valley hidden in the Sierra Madres off the beaten trails, yet not so distant... a practically walled-in oasis in a cataclysmic area of peak and rock. Grass grows in it, there's a stream there, and also the cattle ever stolen from Double X. And you being mistress of Double X, I knew you'd be interested."

"You have no clues?"

"His face was a riddle. 'I landed, making my rock. There is a trail in and out, of course, known to only the person who drove the cattle there. I didn't even look for it. But I did find this.' He took a wisp of hair from his pocket. 'I found it on a bush, torn from a chap. It's white goat hair!'"

Her face went white. "You—"

"Yes, Hazel. You are now owner of Double X. Why have you been stealing your own cattle?"

Suddenly her head fell. "When Dad died so suddenly he had no time to get his affairs in shape. I know he had finished paying for the ranch, because he told me so the day he died it. But now the Development Company is going to foreclose the mortgage they say he had on it... And I can't find a scrap of receipt or anything to show he did pay it."

"And so you have been rustling your own cattle to save that much from the wreck, eh?"

"And why not?" she flamed. "They're mine, by rights."

He laughed at her, quizzically. "A damsel in deep distress. And yet"

SELECTED RECIPES

CHEESE CUSTARD

4 slices buttered bread
1 pound grated cheese
3 eggs
1/2 cups milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
Few grains pepper
1 teaspoon minced onion
Butter baking dish. Cut the bread in cubes. Place the bread and the cheese in the dish in layers. Finish with a layer of bread crumbs, butter side up. Beat the eggs slightly, add the milk and seasonings. Pour this mixture over the bread and cheese. Set the baking dish in a pan of hot water. Bake in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) until custard is firm in center, or about 45 minutes in all.

HONEY SAUCE

2 tablespoons butter
1 tablespoon cornstarch
1/2 cup honey
1/2 cup cold water
Melt butter and blend with cornstarch, add honey and water and cook until it thickens.
Serve as hot sauce for pudding or ice cream.

NO BUTTER SHORTAGE SEEN FOR PRAIRIES

REGINA. There won't be any butter shortage on the prairies in the foreseeable future, Gordon Loveridge of Grenfell, Sask., president of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creamery association, said recently.

"We live in a surplus-producing area in the prairie provinces," he said, and shortages should not affect this area even if they were felt in eastern Canada and on the west coast."

By John Thomas Kieran

you spurned the written offer of my expert, legal aid."

"You, a greenhorn," she spat out. "And so self-assured. Why, just let me tell you I can take care of—"

"Yourself? Oh, no, you can't. And from now on I'm going to do it. You need it. For instance," he grinned, "remember that tempestuous note of refusal you wrote me on the back of an old envelope? In it was your father's receipt!"

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Prize Fur-Bearing Animals Shown At Breeders' Show



Grand sweepstake champion fox at the Alberta Fur Breeders' show, a platinum, shown by J. K. Thompson, Midnapore, Alta.



L. R. French, Brownsville, Alta., swept four of six championships and took both the grand and reserve in the Silverbush mink with this pair at the 11th annual fur breeders' show in Calgary.



Estimated at \$7,500, the rare and new Sapphire mink were shown at Calgary by L. R. French, Edmonton. There are about 50 of this type of Sapphires in existence.

Calgary Stockyards Set All-Time Record

CALGARY.—In the first 10 months of 1948, 196,460 head of cattle and 21,687 calves have been handled by the Calgary Stockyards, an increase of more than 47,000 over the corresponding 1947 period, market daily breaking all existing records here.

Calgary's 10-month figure is almost double Edmonton's, and ranks third highest among all livestock centres of the Dominion.

WORLD'S MOTOR LAWS

One hundred and one nations require that motor vehicles be driven on the right side of the street, while 85 enforce a left-hand rule according to a review of the world's motor laws.

Probably First Of Its Kind Shot In Saskatchewan



According to Roger Fournier, Connel Creek, Sask., this is probably the first cougar ever shot in Saskatchewan. It was caught in a trap in the hills of the Pasquia Forest last February and finally shot by Joseph Fournier. The beast weighed 150 pounds and measured seven feet long. It was sent to the provincial museum at Regina.

Pick President Truman's Election As Biggest News Story Of 1948

NEW YORK. — President Truman's election was the biggest news story of 1948 in the opinion of editors around the world. It appeared as one of the year's "ten biggest" on lists from every section of the world in the United Press' annual survey of newsworthy events. It led many foreign lists. The struggle at Berlin and other developments in the European cold war also rated high on all lists.

United Press executives in New York chose the year's ten biggest stories from the standpoint of Americans. Their unanimous choice for first place was Mr. Truman's victory over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. This list follows:

1. Election of President Truman.
 2. The Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
 3. The high cost of living.
 4. Mrs. Kasenkina's escape from the Russian consulate.
 5. Gandhi's assassination.
 6. Death of Babe Ruth.
 7. The Chinese Civil War.
 8. U.S. spy investigations.
 9. The founding of Israel and Bernadotte's assassination.
 10. Princess Elizabeth's baby.
- The UP asked editors of Tass, the Russian news agency, and of the Moscow newspapers Pravda and Izvestia, to choose the 10 biggest stories. They replied that they were too busy. However, judging from the display in the Soviet press, the Russians considered the following the 10 biggest stories:
1. The Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
 2. Soviet-American relations in general.
 3. Organization of the union of western powers.
 4. The rift between Tito and the Cominform.
 5. The new regime in Czechoslovakia.
 6. Italian elections.
 7. The series of treaties of friendship and commerce between the Soviet Union and eastern European nations.
 8. The United Nations assembly at Paris.
 9. Election of President Truman.
 10. The Kasenkina case.
- Australian editors made this choice:
1. And 2. (tied) President Truman's election and the illness of King George, which caused cancellation of the Royal tour of Australia.
 3. 4. 5. 6. (tied) Princess Elizabeth's baby; Bernadotte assassination; death of Gandhi and India's independence; Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
 7. 8. 9. 10. (tied) The Chinese Civil War; the Kasenkina Case; Gen. Smuts' defeat in South African election; the struggle for Palestine.
- Newspaper editors in western Europe chose the following:
1. The Berlin airlift and the cold war in Europe.
 2. Election of President Truman.
 3. The Communist coup in Czechoslovakia.
 4. Organization of the union of western powers.
 5. The rift between Tito and the Cominform.
 6. Assassination of Gandhi.
 7. Assassination of Bernadotte.
 8. The struggle for Palestine and the founding of Israel.
 9. The Italian elections.
 10. The Chinese Civil War.

Western Briefs

MOOSE JAW. — J. C. Stephen, Moose Jaw radio inspector, announced that an amateur emergency radio-telephone network has been formed in Saskatchewan by over 25 licensed amateur stations with outposts situated at various places in the province.

GRAND PRAIRIE, Alta. — Hanging ripe and yellow from a potted plant in the window of a cafe in Peace River district municipality are two large lemons. What's more, a number of others are on their way to maturity.

ASHCROFT, B.C. — A new type of cowboy who rounds up cattle by airplane is appearing on interior British Columbia ranges. Ranchers say the air system is coming into general use, ousting the horseman in chaps and a 10-gallon hat.

EDMONTON. — More than 2,000 new telephones were installed in Edmonton this year. There are now 28,656 telephones in service in the city, compared with 25,509 a year ago.

SIFTON, Man. — Coyotes are on the increase in this district and have carried off thousands of dollars worth of turkeys and chickens this year. J. Bogush reports the loss of 180 turkeys. Stanley Safonetz and Paul Medvedchuk each lost 40. Walter Chermukhin lost and Johnny Fodor lost 18 in one day. Steve Matvishenko lost 150 chickens, while Andrew Boyachuk and Jack Safonetz lost a large number of fowl.

Prairies Blamed For B.C. Crimes

VANCOUVER. — Police blamed a "bad element" from the Prairies and Eastern Canada for a crime wave that has rocked Vancouver.

Criminal Investigation Bureau detectives are scouring the underworld haunts as the police step up the drive against crime, highlighted with 32 holdups during the last month. Few arrests have been made.

Officials said the influx of 400 young men a week from the Prairie Provinces and Eastern Canada, coupled with wholesale layoffs of single men from B.C. logging camps, has turned Canada's third largest city into a haven for criminals.

"The wave of crime can not be blamed entirely on unemployed men from other parts of the Dominion, but has definitely increased with the influx," one official said.

Meanwhile a National Employment Service official said despite repeated warnings that jobs are scarce here, the influx is increasing at an alarming rate.

"Most of them are broke when they arrive," he said. "And that's where all the trouble starts."

Many of the men who would normally take jobs in the logging industry or other seasonal jobs have resorted to petty crimes when without funds.

"It's a crucial situation, but we are powerless to do anything about it," he said.

World Wheat Yield Above Expectations

OTTAWA.—World wheat production for 1948 is even higher than anticipated, largely due to improvement in Europe, the bureau of statistics said.

The latest estimate places the world crop at 6,255,000,000 bushels, 25,000,000 bushels above the September forecast and 470,000,000 bushels greater than in the 1947 crop. The estimate is 15,000,000 bushels above the 1935-39 average.

Canada's 1948 crop was 383,300,000 bushels. Perhaps the "most significant" factor in the improvement, on a regional basis, is an indicated increase of 440,000,000 bushels over the 1947 crop in Europe.

However, the European wheat crop is still 127,000,000 bushels below the 1935-39 average.

On the other hand, production in some European countries, notably France and the United Kingdom, has exceeded the pre-war average.

Although import requirements for current needs have been reduced to some extent in many European countries, these still exist a need to build up depleted reserve stocks and to reduce high extraction rates.

Production this year in North America, South America and Oceania is down from last year, when all-time record wheat crops were harvested in the United States and Australia, but total production is well above the 1935-39 average.

Latest estimate, with 1947 figures in brackets, follows: North America, 1,896,000,000 (1,718,000,000); South America, 245,000,000 (325,000,000); Europe, 1,465,000,000 (1,025,000,000); U.S.S.R. (Europe and Asia), 888,000,000 (875,000,000); Asia, 1,650,000,000 (1,517,000,000); Africa, 150,000,000 (120,000,000); Oceania, 190,300,000 (224,300,000); total, 6,255,000,000 (5,815,000,000).

New Handbook For Immigrants

OTTAWA. — A pocket-size handbook, written in simple language, will tell Canada's new citizens some of the things they should know about the country.

Copies of the book in English were issued by Resources Minister MacKinnon. French, Dutch, Polish, German and Ukrainian editions are in preparation. The book, entitled "This is Canada" will be given to all immigrants.

SASK. MUNICIPALITIES MEET MARCH 8

The 44th annual convention of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities will be held in Regina March 8 to 11. C. G. Bryden, secretary, has announced.

Owing to the heavy agenda which an estimated 1,000 delegates will face this year, the convention program will cover four instead of the usual three days.

Alberta Cattle Disease Free

EDMONTON. — Hyperkeratosis—a disease which has been sweeping through certain sections of the United States and which causes thickening of the skin in cattle—is not attacking cattle on Alberta farms. The disease is known here but has not occurred "very often" in the last few years.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

Christmas

The happy greeting of "MERRY CHRISTMAS" will soon be heard in our midst for again that season of thanksgiving and festivity is with us. Churches are making ready their Christmas services in tribute to the Christ Child and many will throng their way into these places of worship to give thanksgiving for spiritual and material blessings.

This will be a white Christmas and the happy atmosphere of brightly colored lights shining in windows in store and home gives one a warm and happy feeling as he walks home. Occasionally a radio can be heard and the old familiar Christmas carols ring out with gusto. The Christmas trees with their sparkling lights, and trimmings and the gifts which are piled one on top of the other beneath the tree tell their own story as excited children dance around wondering in wide eyed excitement and curiosity at what Santa might bring them.

It is the time of year when son and daughter who reside in other cities and towns make a determined effort to come home and spend Christmas with their own family members. The exchange of happy greetings and gifts to loved ones.

It is the season of the year when man's petty differences are pushed into the background and there is "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All Men."

Discrimination?

Are Coleman telephone subscribers being discriminated against? Alberta Government telephones say no, Coleman subscribers say definitely yes.

The controversy arose a few weeks ago when local subscribers were notified that monthly invoices paid by cheques other than those of the Royal bank would be assessed exchange. This means that telephone subscribers in all Pass towns with the exception of Coleman are exchange free since Royal bank branches are located in Blairmore and Bellevue while Coleman subscribers, with a Bank of Commerce branch, are assessed the exchange.

The ill feeling towards this new "penalty" arises from an order emanating from Lethbridge that the Alberta Government Telephones would no longer pay exchange on cheques and that henceforth the subscriber would be assessed the exchange. The exchange has always been absorbed by the Alberta Telephones but apparently someone had a brainwave that additional revenue could be secured in the Pass by the saving of a few miserable dollars in exchange so the order was given and the Pass exchange had no alternative but to put it into effect.

The Journal secured the information from the Pass Telephone Exchange that the new rule on cheque exchange was not discriminatory as this district was the only district in the province which had for so long escaped the adding of exchange to cheques. It was stated that the exchange was only slight, being ten cents on a moderate cheque.

The Journal has for many years tried to weld the Crows Nest Pass into one community which would be to the benefit of all. All right thinking and progressive citizens share that belief. Here, once again, we have an outsider from the government issue an order which tends to destroy the unity which progressive citizens are trying to build up.

Coleman subscribers oppose this new penalty and we suggest that in the interests of unity the Board of Trade and the Town Council combine to try and eradicate an ill-advised decision on the part of some civil servant.

Beware of Fire!

As in the past at this time of year, already the press and radio are reporting tragedies caused by fire.

Sub-zero temperatures mean heavy firing to maintain warmth in homes which in turn increase the fire hazard. Let Coleman keep free of tragedy caused by fire by all parents being particularly careful during this period of the year.

Xmas and New Year sees many dances. Among those who attend these dances are some who, through too much imbibing of that well known Scottish export, are not in full control of their senses and as a result are careless with cigarette butt and match. Let us all be particularly careful of fire as the year comes to a close. . . . we had a big enough fire last February to last us for many years to come.

"30"

Ever been associated with a job in which you have spent seventeen hard working yet happy years and then find yourself leaving it to follow another vocation? We have and on December 31 we will say good-bye to the newspaper business and hello to a brand new municipal hospital here in the Crows Nest Pass which we will help run in our position as secretary-manager.

We believe we have made a fair success of The Journal during our seven years in the editorial chair. It was in 1931 that former owner and publisher H. T. Halliwell took us into the office as a raw recruit and gave us our basis training. He and practical experience taught us all we know about the newspaper game.

The weekly newspaper demands long hours of hard

work and in return gives the young newspaperman who follows its rigorous course a life of fairly constant excitement. It shows him life, its happiness, its tragedy, its good men, its bad men. In the newspaper game community life plays a large factor for the paper is the voice of the community. It reflects the community's aggressiveness or backwardness. A newspaper that is stagnant is usually found in a town that is stagnant. We know that Coleman possesses a hardworking group of progressive citizens and we hope The Journal has kept abreast of their activities.

Before we write "30" to our newspaper career we desire to thank many who have helped us manage a fairly successful business. We thank the businessmen for their continued advertising and printing support; to the coal companies for their patronage and encouragement through the years; to the readers themselves who today have resulted in The Journal printing more copies each week than at any time in its history, to local organizations.

We particularly wish to thank the Lethbridge Herald, which we believe is among the truest friends the weeklies of southern Alberta have. We thank the publisher Senator Buchanan, manager Harold Long and particularly news editor Frank Steele for their support throughout the years. Never have we been refused a favor from the Herald when we have asked it and their co-operation will always remain in our memory.

MRS. EMMY ROGERS
CELEBRATES 84th
BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday, December 14, marked another milestone along the road of life to Mrs. Emmy Rogers, who in the presence of her family members celebrated her eighty fourth birthday anniversary.

The auspicious occasion was celebrated at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William Hoggan, and was attended by the honored guests two sons, Chris and Jack, and their families, by grandchildren and great-grandchildren in addition to a few life-long family friends.

Mrs. Rogers was the recipient of many wishes for "Many Happy Returns of the Day" in addition to a bouquet of flowers and several small gifts.

A pleasant social evening was enjoyed, the younger members of the family making the most of the family get-together.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Muriel Naylor, of Calgary, and sister, Miss Joan, of Lethbridge, are expected home on Christmas Eve to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Naylor.

The Misses Della and Anna MacQuarrie, nurses-in-training at the Medicine Hat hospital, have been spending a few days holiday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacQuarrie.

The Journal welcomes among its new readers, Mrs. Lena Snider, of New Westminster, B.C., and Mr. Steve Janostak. The Journal acknowledges with thanks, re-newal subscriptions for Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Davies, of Vancouver.

Mr. Louis Vasek who has been under medical treatment at Calgary practically all year will be home to spend Xmas with his family and leave early in the New Year for further treatment at Calgary.

Mr. Joe DeLuca arrived home last week from the Belcher hospital where he had been a patient for many months. He is now home for good and this Christmas for Mr. and Mrs. DeLuca and baby is bound to be a happy one.

Mrs. D. B. Young, of Cadomin, is spending the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. J. Burrell. Mr. Young hopes to join his wife here for Christmas but failing that will definitely be here to enjoy hogmanay.

Mrs. J. C. Richards was hostess to the Past Chiefs' club of the Pythian Sisters at the Grand Union hotel on Thursday evening. Following the business session cards were played. Winner was Mrs. Mary Balloch. The Mystery box was won by Mrs. Richards.

Mrs. Jack Robinson and young daughter, of Calgary, arrived here on Tuesday morning to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Beveridge. Mr. Robinson and Mr. William Milley, university student, will arrive here tomorrow or Friday.

Peter Bakaj, Teddy Kryczka, Joe Badzioch, Ken Short, Ernie Belik, Vince Hulbert, Isobel Ewing and Elaine MacLean, university students, arrived home from Edmonton during this week. George Dibblee, of the University of B.C., arrived home on Sunday for the Xmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hanrahan will have as their Xmas Day guests the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fischer, of Spring Point. The latter couple will leave the following day on a vacation of several weeks to be spent at Vancouver where they will visit their daughter Helen and her husband.

RIDOUT—To Freda (nee Antrous), wife of Godfrey Ridout, at the Wellesley Hospital, Dec. 14, 1948, a daughter.

Miss Verna Plante, of Shaunnessy, will arrive home Christmas Eve to spend the festive season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Plante.

The physician and the public must be constantly impressed to respect and treat tuberculosis as a highly contagious disease.—American Journal of Public Health.

Mrs. Mary Anderson and young son, of Lethbridge, arrived here on Sunday afternoon to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison.

Fred Androssk, of Sentinel Motors, is taking a course in automobile mechanics at Calgary.

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IT IS A TIME when we are sometimes called upon to drive on icy streets and highways. Let us drive with the maximum of care. Smashed fenders cost money; a small crumpled form underneath our wheels will cause lifelong sorrow both to ourselves and the family torn by the tragedy.

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1948 Report Junior Red Cross

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We have sent an Easter parcel. The money (\$10.00) for this parcel was given to us by Mrs. E. V. Wood, a former matron of the local hospital. We sold five hundred calendars and we thank bank manager F. R. Duncanson for permission to sell these calendars at the bank. We helped at the Blood Clinic by assisting the nurses to load and unload the van; the girls washed the dishes and the boys helped to serve lime juice. Our members polished and put new shoe strings in shoes which were sent to England. Magazines were shipped to the Keith Sanatorium and to the Belcher hospital. Thirty dozen eggs were sent to the Crippled Children's Hospital at Easter. A parcel of clothes was sent to England. We sold fourteen magazines each month last year and this coming year we will be selling thirty-two.

The officers are:
President, Jules Kapalka; vice-president, Irene Hatalak; secretary, Steve Dzurek; treasurer, Alice Gubernot; circulation manager, Arlene Erickson.

Our president, Julius Kapalka, was privileged indeed to lay a wreath on Coleman's Cenotaph, to honor the women and men of the navy, the army and the air force,

who were former pupils of Cameron school. This wreath was made by grade one.

We sent a book relating to Alberta to Australia.

The Children's Hospital, Calgary, is partly built and Cameron Junior Red Cross is to be permitted to furnish a ward which will be known as the Cameron Ward.

Mrs. Dzurek made us a fine Christmas cake which we are placing in our Christmas parcel.

We thank everybody who have helped us with our work.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to everybody in Coleman from the CAMERON SCHOOL JUNIOR RED CROSS MEMBERS.

Santa Claus Parties

On Tuesday evening of last week Coleman lodge of the Order of the Royal Purple held their annual Christmas party in the L.O.O.F. hall. Approximately 125 youngsters were present with their mothers and each were given a bag of candy along with their gifts which were distributed by good old Santa Claus.

An impromptu program was arranged by calling upon numerous youngsters to give songs, recitations, vocal and musical selections and each act was thoroughly enjoyed. Games were also played, and the evening was a complete success.

On Wednesday, Dec. 13 in the L.O.O.F. hall, the Pythian Sisters and Knights of Pythias en-

tertained the children at a Christmas tree party and concert. They all sat down to a lovely supper of sandwiches, cake, cookies and pop. Games and singing were enjoyed until the arrival of Santa who gave each boy and girl a gift from the tree and an apple and orange. After Santa had left, the children enjoyed ice cream cones and opened their presents to show each other they had a wonderful time.

A handicap in the tuberculosis prevention program is the prevailing thought that the disease is nearly out. Any disease that is the first cause of death in Canada (excepting accidents) between the ages of 5 and 30 years, and which kills one out of every four persons dying in the age group 16-30 years, is not yet under control.—G. C. Brink, M.D.

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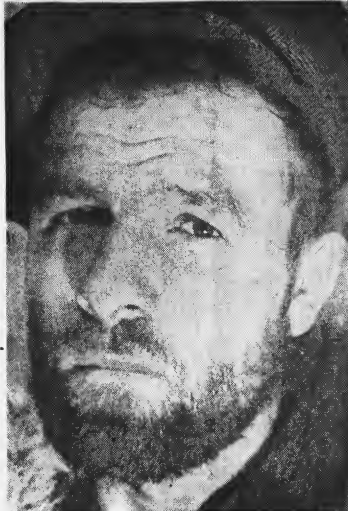
It is our hope that the patronage we have enjoyed during
the past year has been justified by the service we have
rendered and that our service may be improved to warrant
your continued goodwill through the years to come. To all
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Friendly Store
S. DeKLEYN, Proprietor

Holiday Greetings



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Picture Courtesy Vancouver Province
MICHAEL CZECH... Will he try a second time to locate
the cabin and the fabulous northern mine?

He told me all about the gold,
And the things which he had seen,
Of the hills all grey and blue and gold,
With the flowers all jewels in green.
From Songs of a Yukon Poet.

By A. C. HINTON

Michael Czech is a Canadian of
Polish descent born at Coleman,
Alberta, some 34 years ago. He is
a hardy, hardworking man with the
making of an explorer in him.

Mike came to Whitehorse in
1943 and in the June of that year,
accompanied by an older man
named Ole Johnson, who had done
a lot of prospecting in the Yukon,
made preparations to prospect and
explore the country southwest of
the Saint Elias Mountains about
120 miles northwest of the Haines
Road, and some 240 miles from
Whitehorse.

Mike's interest in this country
had been aroused by stories told
by old sourdoughs about a miner,
who around 1902 had left his cabin
to go to Seattle, to try and interest
mining capital there in a gold
mine, samples of which assayed
\$1,270 to the ton.

Eighteen men had accompanied
this old miner from Seattle to
Juneau where they crossed the
glaciers to Haines and thence
penetrated a country which seemed
to swallow them up, for only one
man returned to tell the tale. That
tale was of wild animals of enor-
mous size, of a country which was
utterly impenetrable from tangles
of brush and undergrowth, and of
the lack of trails.

The party from Seattle had
brought with them some mining
supplies and a plank which they
used to cross the fissures in the
glaciers. This plank and supplies
Mike found cached in the wilder-
ness of the Lost World. Some
years afterwards Mike heard that
four skeletons had been found on
a hillside where apparently the
men had met their death from
wild animals.

Mike and Ole determined to try
and locate the cabin of the old
miner and his gold mine, about
which many a sourdough knew, but
were unable to give the proper and
accurate location of their where-
abouts.

Mike left Whitehorse in May
1943. He packed about 85 pounds
of blankets, grub, cooking utensils,
a rifle (30-30) and three boxes of
ammunition.

Ole, being older carried a lighter
pack, while a dog carried the small
tent and the sleeping bags.

Dogs in the Yukon are packed
similarly to horses, except that in-
stead of ropes being used to secure
the pack bags, lamp wick about an
inch wide is used. This is passed,
first of all, across the dog's chest
down his sides to the tail where
the wick goes under its legs then
is crossed under the belly and
brought to tie over the packs.

Mike had mapped out a route
from directions given by a pros-
pector who had been on the fringe
of this wilderness.

From Mile Post 125 where a
roadhouse is operated by B. Belond
on the Haines Road, Mike and his
companion began their trek into
this Lost World.

Their first signpost was Mush
Lake over which they had to trans-
port their supplies. Apparently
the party from Seattle in 1902 had
built a boat of plywood, for it was
on this flimsy craft that Mike,
Ole and the dog sailed across the
lake, then around it, down the
Bates River into the tangle of
wilderness which is the gateway to
this Lost World.

The going after leaving Bates

River was rough. Sometimes over
four hours were spent in traveling
half a mile. Their way had to be
hacked through alder brush. The
hills were precipitous with many
gulleys and draws whose sides were
steeper than the hills, and over
which it was impossible to pass.
Often they had to climb up 3,000
feet to cross an obstacle in the
creek bed along which they were
traveling.

Walking along the precipitous
hills was hard and dangerous,
while climbing up the hill often
Mike's feet would be directly above
Ole's head. A deep chasm-like
gully would make their descent to
the creek bed again, and invariably
they ascended and descended a hill
as many as ten times a day to make
six miles penetration into the Lost
World.

Mike noticed that nearly all the
creeks and some of the lakes were
full of salmon. The water falls of
the Alsek River prevented the fish
from coming up the creeks which
ran off this river.

After some 10 to 11 days of such
travel, or when they were into this
vast tangle of tree and brush about
60 miles, bears became frequent.
They had an insatiable curiosity to
find out about the human beings
who had invaded their domain.

"I was so thunderstruck with the
enormous size of these bears,"
said Mike, "that I was afraid to
shoot at them with my 30-30. One
bear—or was it a bear—once
came out of the alder brush, look-
ed so enormous that I really felt
my rifle to be only a pop-gun."

This Lost World is full of bears,
grizzlies, silvertips and Kodiaks.
The Kodiak is the largest bear in
existence. It grows to a height
of about fourteen feet, and weighs
in the neighborhood of a ton.

During the time that Mike and
Ole were in this vast hinterland of
wild things the bears appeared to
be interested in them, which led
Mike to believe that few if any
human beings had ever penetrated
into the depths of its underbrush.

They spent 27 days on the trip.
Looking across the valleys from
the side of hills and mountains it
seemed that the wooded slopes of
the other sides were even and the
earth covered with grass so close
the distance everything appeared
smooth. It was only when one
tried to walk that the difficulty of
penetrating the brush became ap-
parent.

There is a hard kind of spruce
on the hill sides which is very
hard to chop with even a sharp
axe. Mike did not know the name
of the timber, but he recognized
the spruce species. There was no
lichen moss on the hills. Water
was abundant and game was not
much in evidence other than the
bears. Mike and his friend killed
porcupines and gophers for meat,
and after a preliminary taste both
can be swallowed—if one is hun-
gry enough.

Mike never found the old miner's
cabin, nor his mine, but he dis-
covered a country hitherto un-
explored with a rugged magnifi-
cence which simply thrills the soul
of the explorer.

Season's Greetings

with the old, old wish—that you
will enjoy a
Very Happy Christmas
and a
Bright and Prosperous New
Year

**Sapeta's Bowling Alleys
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and a

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While Christmas this year will not have the
same happy spirit of past years to us it never-
theless does not detract from our mutual wish
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Prosperous New Year. We particularly wish
happiness to those friends who have been so
good to us this past year.

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Tuesday, December 21, is usually considered the day having the fewest hours of daylight. After that date evenings will start to lengthen out and within a few short weeks daylight will become noticeably longer.

Hospital Notes

Judy Ann Valin was admitted to hospital as a patient on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Mr. Ferdinando Fabro was admitted to hospital on Friday, Dec. 17.

Mrs. Maurice Cooke was allowed home after several weeks in the local hospital.

CATHOLIC GIRL NOTES

Catholic Girls' club had a delightful Christmas party on Tuesday evening, each girl receiving a small gift from Santa.

The draw was made for the turkey supper or \$10 cash. The draw was made by Sharon McDonald and the lucky ticket holder was Mrs. E. C. Price.

Pay Day Bank Hours

The Bank of Commerce will be open on pay day, Dec. 24, from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to extend my thanks and appreciation to the doctors and nursing staff for their kind attention and consideration while a patient in their care; to those friends who visited me or who enquired regarding me; to those who sent me gifts of confectionery and flowers and to those who sent cards.

Mrs. E. Lonsbury

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The Other Christmas

Christmas—a time of candle-light flickering on happy faces, a time of carols and

good cheer, of brightly-wrapped gifts and tinselled trees.

And deep within us all is still another Christmas, the Christmas guiding our every day—

a Christmas born for us of a tolerance and understanding that goes beyond words;

born for us so that men may live in harmony, with purpose to their lives and benevolence

in their hearts... This is the other Christmas, the spiritual Christmas.

T H E H O U S E O F S E A G R A M

Increase In Immigration

THE FLOW OF IMMIGRATION which started in 1945 has increased steadily, and since that time 254,000 new citizens have come to make their homes in Canada. These people have for the most part come from displaced persons camps in Europe or from the United Kingdom. From the beginning, shipping has been a determining factor in governing the number of immigrants which have arrived each year. During the period immediately following the war there was a shortage of ships, and many of those which were available were needed for bringing home service personnel and their dependents. The scarcity of shipping, however, has gradually become less acute, as more accommodation has been made available, the flow of immigration has steadily increased.

About Half Are From Britain

From the latter part of 1945 until the end of March, 1946, 31,000 immigrants and displaced persons arrived in Canada. During the following year, 67,000 came into the country and in the year ending in March, 1948, 79,000 arrived. Since March, 1948, it is estimated that about 77,000 more have been admitted. Of all these about half are from the United Kingdom. Since the war the total number coming from Great Britain is given as 124,000 and these people constitute the largest single group of immigrants to enter Canada during that time. In the year following the war, 20,000 British immigrants were received here. In the following year, the figure rose to 47,000, and between March, 1947, and the same month in 1948, 45,000 arrived. Since that time, a further 22,000 from the British Isles have migrated to this country.

No Decrease Is Indicated

The reason for the slight falling off in the number from the United Kingdom is attributed by officials of the Department of Immigration to the urgency of the need to settle displaced persons as quickly as possible. There are still many people in Britain who are anxious to come to Canada to live and there is now no indication that there will be any marked decrease in immigration to this country for many years to come. There has always been a strong tendency for the people of Europe to look to this continent when they wish to seek new homes. At the present time the United States has in force strict quota regulations, so that the number who can enter that country is limited. For this reason there are a great many people in Europe and in the United Kingdom who are now looking to Canada, if they have the qualification required for them to settle here. If world conditions do not change it is expected that 100,000 new Canadians will arrive during the coming year. In opening her doors to these people Canada is making a fine contribution towards solving a great human problem but she is also acquiring many new citizens who will without doubt in their turn contribute much to the building of this nation.

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Ducks Unlimited Plan New Prairie Nesting Projects

WINNIPEG.—In 1949, Ducks Unlimited incorporated will construct 25 to 30 nesting projects in the prairie provinces under its international wildfowl conservation programme, according to Arthur M. Bartley, New York, executive director.

Mr. Bartley, spent six days in Winnipeg conferring with officials of Ducks Unlimited (Canada). The proposed projects will be distributed across the prairie nesting grounds, Mr. Bartley said.

For the 1949 projects, Mr. Bartley expects a budget upwards of \$200,000 to be approved at a meeting of trustees in March. During ten years of conservation activity, Ducks Unlimited has spent \$2,000,000 in Canada.

By spring, 26 projects will be in operation as a result of Ducks Unlimited's 1948 programme, Mr. Bartley states. With these, the number of projects in the prairies will total 200. The cost of these projects, covering from 1,000 to 15,000 acres, range from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Flights this fall on all North American flyways—the Atlantic, Mississippi, central and Rocky mountain—indicated satisfactory duck production, Mr. Bartley remarked.

In 1938, when the work of Ducks Unlimited was inaugurated in Canada, two-thirds of the prairie breeding grounds had been destroyed, Mr. Bartley said. The advancing agricultural frontier pushed the breeding centres northward and drainage of land and drought further imperilled wildfowl.

Ducks Unlimited undertook to provide wildfowl with marshes and ponds in which to breed, safety, and proper food, Mr. Bartley pointed out.

Lord Nuffield Gives Million For Surgeons

LONDON.—Lord Nuffield, motor magnate and philanthropist, has given £250,000 (\$3,000,000) to help young surgeons, particularly from the dominions, the United States and other countries, coming to Britain for advanced studies, it was announced.

The gift, made to the Royal College of Surgeons for the promotion of research and education in the surgical sciences, will be used to build a Nuffield College of Surgical Sciences attached to the Royal College.

Young surgeons studying here will be able to live in the new college and meet leading British surgeons and distinguished surgical teachers from abroad.

FUNNY And

OTHERWISE

"I want to ask you something in confidence," began Jones, as Smith and he lingered at the bar. "Right? What is it?"

"Well, Robinson wants to borrow ten dollars from me. Is he good for that amount?"

"Yes, with proper securities."

"What do you suggest?" asked Jones.

"A strong chain and padlock, a pair of handcuffs and a watchdog."

Son: "Daddy, what are bill collectors?"

Father: "A bill collector, my son, is a man who combines business with pleasure."

Smith is a young lawyer, clever in many respects, but very forgetful. He had been sent to interview an important client, when the head of his firm received this telegram: "Have forgotten name of client. Please wire at once."

The reply was a masterpiece of sarcasm. It ran: "Client's name Jenkins. Your name Smith."

Mrs. Timkin: "I suppose you've had lots of new dishes since your chef arrived?"

Mrs. Simkin: "Yes, almost a complete new dinner service."

An official with a very annoying manner was making an inspection of an aerodrome.

On this particular afternoon parachute practice was being undertaken by a number of pilots, and the official asked question after question of one man about his experiences and sensations while falling through the air.

"But supposing your parachute fails to open while you are coming down?" he asked finally.

"What do you do then?"

The pilot had had more than enough by this time. "Take it back and change it," he replied.

Sandy happened upon a fellow Scot lying in the road after a motor crash. "Did you see ye?" he asked. "No," "Well, I'm insured, too. Will ye mind if I lay down?"

"Mother, shall I have a little sister one day?" "Why?" "Well, it gets rather a bore teasing the cat."

Lawyer (paternally, to client anxious for divorce): "My dear young lady, occasional tiffs are bound to occur in your married life. But think of the joy to be got out of it."

Client: "Exactly. Get me out of it."

A certain movie executive, who used to enjoy delivering after-dinner speeches of interminable length, now expresses himself with the most commendable brevity.

Asked to explain his reformation, the movie man shamefacedly replied: "It was a remark I overheard during a pause in one of my speeches. I overheard one man say to another, 'What follows Bamberger?' And the other fellow replied, 'Wednesday!'"

Practising With Barbara Ann Scott In Chill Grey Light of Early Morn

By JEAN LOVE GALLOWAY

Written Specially for Central Press Canadian

OTTAWA.—Barbara Ann Scott, world figure skating champion, leaped into the glaring flood lights of New York's famous Roly Ice stage on Dec. 5th. Described as "Talented, Tiny and Terrific", Barbara Ann went to the U.S. as Canada's best loved ambassador who has skated into the hearts of the world.

This is the first time Barbara Ann has received a salary cheque. It is reported to be something like \$50,000, a good proportion of which the champion is donating to underprivileged children.

I dropped in at the Minto Skating Rink here just before Barbara Ann left for New York and found the Queen of the Blades hard at work on the ice. There was no glamor about it there in the chill grey light of early morning, the rink barren of spectators and lights. There was no symphony orchestra, no scintillating costumes. This was a star, at work.

Great artists all have to practise. Most of their time is spent behind the footlights in an exacting routine that calls for concentration, courage and patience. Barbara Ann does her spins and turns over and over again until absolute perfection is attained. The hours of concentrated drill that go into these little bows alone, would amaze you. For no matter how skillful the performer, its finale must be dramatic and personal.

When I watched her at practice Barbara Ann was wearing a canary yellow skating outfit with a light green pullover sweater. On her head, was a tight-fitting yellow knitted bonnet tied snugly under the chin. And she wore matching knitted wool gloves.

Up in a small sound box at one end of the Minto rink a pianist fingered out snatches from Little Dutch Mill and Tip Toe Through The Tulips. He wore a brown fedora hat pulled down well over his head and a raincoat over a heavy sweater. Rinks are cold places to play pianos.

Barbara Ann puts in her first hour without a coach. There was a caretaker sweeping up under the benches. And there were two young skaters beside her. For no matter how skillful the performer, its finale must be dramatic and personal.

Having completed part of her routine for the morning, the young skater sought me out in the gallery. She seemed happy that some-



Barbara Ann Scott, (above), who is appearing at a New York theatre during the holiday season.

would try another spin. Not satisfied, she would call for the music again. They would keep it up until Barbara Ann decided it was perfect.

She has one number calling for a large white fan which she waltzes in motions of such faultless grace that even a swan would be envious. This number needs symphony music and her pianist produces it at a nod of the head.

Melville Rogers is coaching the world champion right now. Barbara Ann practised without music under his direction for the next hour. Rogers plunks a chair out on the ice. He sits down in his big overcoat. He wears a Homburg and leather mitts, yet no shivers.

Sliding around on his chair, Rogers watches every movement of the famous skating queen. He points out even the slightest defect in form. Rogers puffs cigarettes as he coaches and is absolutely unconscious of anything but the action of the skater before him.

Practice Goes On

But long after dusk the pianist had gone home and the coach had left, Barbara Ann's practising continued. Her next session was with a ballet teacher who arrived to give her tips on injecting the grace of the ballet into skating. When the ballet teacher had had enough, Barbara Ann practised alone, trying to correlate the rhythm of music, the instruction of the coach and the art of the ballet into her very soul.

Finished about one o'clock, the champion headed for home in her dream car—the big power blue convertible presented to her by the city of Ottawa. Beating the significant

license plate, 48 U 1, the car is familiar to Ottawa people.

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Prairie Moisture 41 Per Cent. Of Normal

REGINA.—Rainfall in the past autumn averaged only 41 per cent. of normal for the three prairie provinces, according to an estimate made by the Seale Grain company and released recently.

These fall rains—after harvest and up to freeze-up—constitute the only moisture reserves available for the coming crop that will be seeded on stubble land.

Summerfallow land, however, contains additional reserves. These consist of the rains that fell during the past growing season and the fall before that. The Seale estimate places these reserves at 87 per cent. of normal for the prairie area.

Reserves by provinces are estimated as follows:

Stubble land: Alberta 39 per cent.; Saskatchewan 39 per cent.; and Manitoba 34 per cent.

Summerfallow: Alberta 92 per cent.; Saskatchewan 82 per cent.; and Manitoba 101 per cent. of normal.

POTASH FOUND AT OIL SITE

REGINA.—J. M. Cantor, secretary-treasurer of Community Petroleum Ltd., announced potash has been discovered on an oil-drilling site a half-mile from North Battleford in north-western Saskatchewan.

Mr. Cantor said a salt bed with two zones had been struck at more than 2,700 feet containing a low potash content. Samples have been sent to University of Saskatchewan for analysis.

Foreign Language Records Obtainable

During the long winter evenings when music becomes a restful pastime, and especially so as radio-photograph sets now have become popular, enable one to listen to their own selection from records. This fact is most appreciated by our new Canadian citizens who have come from Europe in recent months to establish themselves here, as now it is possible to obtain in Canada records of most foreign languages, thus giving them an opportunity to enjoy a restful period of listening to music of their own native land.

Record Catch Of Herring In One Set

VANCOUVER.—A thousand tons of herring in one set—2,000,000 lbs. of fish—is the record catch reported by one boat in Barkley Sound on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

Value of the catch landed at the dock is about \$21,500. Of this amount the seamer crew will receive an equal amount on a share basis and the remainder will go to boat charter and other charges.

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Farmers Are Warned Of Possible Lower Prices For Their Surpluses

OTTAWA.—Dean A. M. Shaw, chairman of the Dominion-Provincial Agricultural Conference, said Canadian farmers must realize that the Dominion is out of the war period and that they may have to accept lower prices for their surpluses.

At the second session of the three-day conference, he said delegates seemed to be agreed that agriculture was facing an immediate future which may bring "very different" conditions.

There was a feeling of "insecurity" and a "vagueness about the long view."

"We have an agriculture industry that has become highly organized, and our farmers are in a sounder position than they have been in the memory of many of us here."

Canada was troubled about some things that were happening in the United States. One problem was the fact European Recovery Program

funds could not be used to buy farm products which were surplus in the U.S. This called for action between the Canadian and American governments.

Dr. Shaw said there may be a considerable increase in summer fallow on the prairie provinces and little increase in wheat acreage.

At the same time, he cautioned farmers against producing a fatter hog in an effort to compete in the U.S. market. The Americans now were developing a lean hog along Canadian lines and this may be an advantage to Canadians.

He felt prices paid by the government for flaxseed and rapeseed, needed during the war years, were too high and suggested production of rapeseed may cease altogether now that the war stimulus was gone.

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GRAND CHAMPION Hereford bull was Real Domino Supreme, shown at the Royal Winter Fair recently by Warren Smith, Olds, Alta.

The TILLERS



—By Les Carroll

WORLD HAPPENINGS

BRIEFLY TOLD

The 1948 session of the British Columbia legislature will open Feb. 8, Premier Byron Johnson announced.

A brief protesting the circulation of lurid, crime-type "comic books" soon will be presented to the federal minister of justice by two British Columbia organizations.

The British Commons has passed a bill providing statutory basis for peace-time training of the public in civil defence against any attack including atomic weapons.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt will speak in Calgary March 3 under the auspices of the Ena Erith, it was announced. Mrs. Roosevelt will speak on the United Nations and its work.

The government asked United States farmers to produce more of some foods, including milk. It forecast "continued high consumer demands"—a standard barometer of prosperity.

Christopher Mayhew, undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, told commons the government has information that Bulgaria and Romania have increased their armed forces beyond 1946 treaty limits.

If and when Canada's roughly 112,000 civil servants get all or part of the cost-of-living bonus they want, the increase is also expected to affect the 37,000-old men who serve in the armed forces.

Fresh flowers on the waiting room tables of the railroad station in Princeton, Essex, England, brought a British railway executive commendation to the stationmaster on his "artistic" touch.

One of the largest collections of Canadian paintings ever to be shown in the United States has been put on display in the Canadian club quarters at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York.

GEMS OF THOUGHT

THE SCRIPTURES

The highest earthly enjoyments are but a shadow of the joy I find in reading God's word.—Lady Jane Grey.

When you have read the Bible, you will know it is the word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness and your own duty.—Woodrow Wilson.

I believe a knowledge of the Bible without a college course is more valuable than a college course without a Bible.—William Lyon Phelps.

A loving trust in the Author of the Bible is the best preparation for a wise and profitable study of the Bible itself.—H. C. Trumbull.

Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts in your hearts, and practice them in your lives.—Ulysses S. Grant.

The Scriptures are very sacred. Our aim must be to have them understood spiritually, for only by this understanding can truth be gained.—Mary Baker Eddy.

The first airway beacons in the United States were made from automobile headlights mounted in sets of four on wooden poles.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By WILLIAM FERGUSON



THE 20,000 NATIVES OF GUAM, UNDER EXISTING LAWS, GIVE ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NEITHER CITIZENS NOR ALIENS, AND NO PROVISION EXISTS WHEREBY THEY CAN BECOME CITIZENS.

WATER SNAKES ARE AMONG THE LEADING DESTROYERS OF GAME FISH.

WHICH IS THE CAPITAL OF SWITZERLAND?
A. GENEVA
B. BASEL
C. LUGERNE

ANSWER: Bern, not Geneva, as commonly believed.

Dynamite Shifts Rocks--

WHILE drilling rocks for blasting is slow work, it is one of the surest methods of breaking up very hard rock, particularly of the "mugger" type, and is certainly the method which requires the smallest amount of dynamite. Because this is a matter of general agricultural interest, we are here giving detailed instructions for the proper use of explosives in blasting boulders.

There are three general methods of blasting boulders, blockholing, snakeholing and mudcapping. We shall deal with blockholing first.

Blockholing
This consists of drilling a hole into the boulder and loading it with a relatively small amount of dynamite. The hole should be drilled about half way through the boulder and may be an inch or larger in diameter. It is usually best to remove the dynamite from the paper shell and pack it firmly in the bottom of the hole. When the proper amount of dynamite has been put in, it is packed down carefully using a round wooden stick with a flat end to tamp it firmly into the bottom of the hole.

The blasting cap is then crimped to the lower end of the fuse and pressed into a small hole about the size of the cap, which is previously made in the dynamite charge with a sharp wooden stick. The dynamite is now pressed tightly around the cap and the hole is then filled up with clay sufficiently moist to tamp firmly. For blockholing, a relatively weak dynamite will do, 30 or 40 per cent. explosive being sufficiently strong where the explosive is perfectly confined as is the case in blockholing.

The accompanying table gives the amounts of dynamite that should be used for different sizes of rock by the various methods of boulder blasting. This table, however, is worked out for 50 per cent. straight dynamite.

KITCHEN MEDITATIONS

What Of Joseph?

I often think of that other night when angels sang from afar. To the shepherds on the hill, a song, and the wise men followed a star; Of the Babe which lay in a manger then, known only to a few; Of the loving care of a mother mild. What did the father do?

The songs and tales of that bright scene tell much of the mother's love. Of the shepherds, the wisemen and the star which shone in the heavens above; But little is said of Joseph there, and I'm sure it could be told. That he did the tasks a father does, To shelter his own from the cold. Those who have known a father's love his silent protecting care. Would know that on that night of old he was ready to do his share. Who was a song of mother and Babe and the angels at the birth. Let us sing in praise of Joseph true, and recognize his worth!

More than twenty million acres of forest land are destroyed annually by more than 172,000 forest fires.

Weekly Tip

CANDLE WAX ON YOUR BEST TABLECLOTH

Put cloth between sheets of blotting paper and press with a warm iron.

Colored wax should first be treated with alcohol to remove the color.

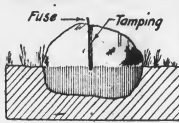


FIG. 1. A properly placed drill hole for blockholing.



FIG. 2. Snakeholing a boulder to roll it out or break it up.



FIG. 3. A boulder with a mud capped charge properly placed.

The explosive, being confined on the underside by the earth, can exert a powerful blow on the boulder and will roll it out, or if a sufficient charge is used, will break it in pieces. This is one of the easiest and most successful methods of boulder blasting, the best explosive being 40 or 50 per cent. dynamite, though where the soil is heavy and has good resistance a 30 per cent. dynamite is satisfactory. Where it is expected to break the boulder up, a fairly heavy charge has to be used and stronger dynamite is better than the weaker percentages.

Mudcapping
This method is illustrated in figure 3 of the accompanying diagram and for it the high percentage dynamites are recommended. A good method of mudcapping consists of removing the dynamite from the shell and packing it in a conical heap on the boulder, then after inserting the cap and fuse, covering it with several inches of thick, heavy mud. Where a very large boulder is to be mudcapped, the explosive is not removed from the wrapper, but whole or half cartridges, some times slit, are arranged as compactly as possible at a given point on the boulder. The cap is inserted in one of the cartridges and the whole charge covered with mud.

The explosive should be placed on the boulder at a place where the rock would be struck with a hammer were it possible to break it in that way. This may be on the top or the side. In mudcapping it is important that the stone be not embedded in the earth, but that it should lie on top with as much of its sides free from soil as possible. Frequently a snake-hole is used to roll boulders on to the surface, after which they can be mudcapped.

Table of Charges for Boulder Blasting

Diameter of Boulder	Blockholing	Snakeholing	Mudcapping
1 1/2	1	1	1
2	1	1	1
3	1 1/2	1 1/2	1 1/2
4	2	2	2
5	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2

Approximate Number of Cartridges 1 1/2" by 6" Needed for Stone of Average Hardness

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1 1/2	1	1	1
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SPORT

Left-Hand Shots Scoring Well This Season

Seven of the top ten scorers in the National Hockey League shoot the puck in from the left side. On December 1, the ten leading scorers were Grant Warwick, Boston; Jim Conacher, Chicago; Doug Bentley, Chicago; Ted Kennedy, Toronto; Roy Conacher, Chicago; Pete Babando, Boston; Ed Sanford, Boston; Joe Carveth, Canadians; George Gee, Detroit; and Gave Stewart, Chicago. Of these players only Warwick, Kennedy and Carveth are right-hand shots.

Players propelling the puck in from the port side have fared extremely well in the scoring race throughout the years. Only eight times in the last 26 seasons has the N.H.L. scoring championship been won by a right-hand shot. In all other years the top scorer was a left-hand shot, with the lefties finishing at the head of the scoring parade exclusively for the past ten seasons.

The last time a right-hand shot won the National League scoring crown was in 1937-38 when Gordie Drillon of Toronto scored 26 goals and had an equal number of assists for 52 points, to carry off the scoring title.

Other right-handers who have won the scoring championship besides Drillon are Charlie Chace of Toronto, who won in 1933-34 and 1934-35; Bill Cook of Rangers, who won in 1926-27 and 1932-33; Babe Dye of Toronto, who won in 1922-23 and 1924-25 and "Ace" Bailey, also of Toronto, who won in 1928-29.

Six of the eight seasons that the scoring title was won by a right-handed player, he was a member of the Toronto team. Other players who have headed the scoring parade for more than one season besides Dye, Cook and Chace are Max Bentley, Chicago, who won in 1946-47 and 1945-46, "Sweeney" Schriner, Americans, who finished on top in 1936-37 and 1935-36 and Howie Morenz, Canadians, leader in 1930-31 and 1927-28. Max Bentley, Schriner and Morenz were left-hand shots.

Left-hander Herb Cain of Boston won the scoring honors in 1943-44 with a total of 82 points, an all-time high for points amassed by a player in one season. In winning the crown in 1944, Elmer Lach of Canadians, finished with 80 points composed of 26 goals and 54 assists. The 54 assists are the most ever made by an N.H.L. player.

If Warwick can continue his present scoring pace, of better than a point a game, he has a good chance to become the first right-hand shot to win the National League scoring championship since Gordie Drillon did the trick over a decade ago.

Alternate Captains

Every team in the National Hockey League is entitled to three alternate captains besides the captain. The only team that does have three alternate captains is Toronto. All the rest get by with two alternate captains. The alternate captains on the six N.H.L. clubs are as follows: Toronto—Guth Breach, Harry Watson and Elmer Lach; Boston—Bill Quackenbush and Jack Stewart; Chicago—Doug Bentley and Adam Brown; Canadians—Billy Reay and Elmer Lach; Rangers—Wally Stanowski and Edgar Laprade; and Boston—Murray Henderson and Johnny Crawford. The alternate captains are the players you see out there on the ice with the big "A" on their jerseys.

TALL FISH STORY

OLYMPIA, Wash. — It may have been jumping cats and dogs but it shouldn't have been jumping salmon too. Police noticed a traffic signal at an intersection was off balance. Investigation disclosed a fresh 10-pound salmon draped atop the standard.

Winners in Canada's National Rodeo



BERNARD E. JONES

EUGENE S. RIDDELL



L.A.C. N. BISHOP

C.P.L. R.D. PETTINGER

L.A.C. F. CORMIER

More than 5,000 spectators cheered the outcome of Canada's second National Rodeo, held at the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds in Toronto. Best in the straight truck class was Bernard E. Jones, a brewery driver from London, Ont. Eugene S. Riddell, a transport driver from Chatham, Ont., emerged winner in the tractor division, and Corporal R. L. Pettenger, 23 Transport Coy., R.C.A.S.C., topped the three-service competition. They were mighty pleased as they stepped up to receive the winners' trophies. But Bernie Jones was still counting himself lucky to get in the winners' circle as Doug Chalmers, an oil company driver from Toronto, had given him an extremely close run. Drivers from Halifax to Vancouver competed in the run-offs.—S.N.S. photo.

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2 Grief
3 Chalice
4 Constellation
5 Vigilant
6 To cut down
7 In abundance
8 To sprout
9 Latin coin
10 Riding place
11 Cup
12 Colloquial
13 Mother
14 Small drum
15 Scorn
16 Assertion
17 Slender
18 Villain in "Othello"
19 Suffix
20 Indicating past tense
21 Name
22 False
23 To demolish
24 Give birth
25 Member of a band
26 Trademark
27 Trademark
28 Completed
29 "Mars" is a planet
30 To be
31 To be
32 Food fish
33 "Hut" - Glyn's
34 Implement
35 Opera by Massenet
36 Bucket-type water wheel
37 Peace pipe
38 Affirm
39 Confidently
40 Pertaining to method
41 Minute arachnid
42 Pointed arch
43 Wanderer
44 Note of scale
45 To drudge
46 Note of scale
47 Guide a low note
48 Merchant
49 Who follows an army
50 To exhibit
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52 To low
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54 To employ
55 Large cash
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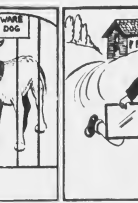
Answer To Last Week's Puzzle

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LITTLE REGGIE



PRISCILLA'S POP—More Than One Way



By Margarta



By Al Vermeer



GIFT GUIDE



for Eleventh
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Xmas Wrapping

To make your gifts attractive looking

Resume Of High School Activities

The first term of this school year has been a very busy one in spite of an interruption early in September because of polio victims. The students have taken part in many community projects. First, they helped in the registering of citizens for the visit of the Chest X-Ray Clinic, by calling at the homes for names, filling out appointment cards, and arranging them in order for the clinic.

Then the students attended a ceremony of the granting of citizenship papers to New Canadians, which was held in the school auditorium. At the ceremony one of the grade eleven students read a paper on the privileges of being a Canadian.

Neither have social activities been neglected. One invitation dance, a Sadie Hawkins' party in the school auditorium, and a Christmas party in the making, have provided and will provide a great deal of pleasure.

The Sadie Hawkins' dance was preceded by a day of punishment for the boys and girls who had disobeyed or forgotten the rules of Sadie Hawkins' week. Offenders were ordered to dress as Carmen Miranda, Aunt Jemima, or other amusing characters. In the evening the girls escorted the boys to the dance in the tradition of the occasion. Auditorium walls were decorated with scenes of Schmoos, Lil' Abner, and Daisy Mae.

Preparations for a Christmas party are now under way with choir, orchestra and play practices. These activities have kept the students not only busy, but also happy.

THOUGHTS OF THE END OF THE TERM

Is it really Christmas? We can hardly believe it. Why, September was just yesterday!

These are the exclamations heard in our school this week. The first four months of the term have just flown by and the realization that Christmas is here has given us much food for thought.

If Christmas comes, can June be far behind? Christmas examinations remind us that other examinations, the finals, will come as swiftly as have the Christmas tests. All of it means that Time, which moves so quickly, is bringing the older students to the end of their high school days; that only a little while is left for them as school children. The seriousness of the thought has not yet come to the younger students, but they too are amazed at how short four months can be.

IN THE HALLWAYS

The hallways of Coleman High are in a constant bustle. When there is a chance of period, the hallways are always full and at this time, everyone seems to be wide awake (something they have not been during class.) In one corner of the hallway, two students are just about coming to blows, because each has a different answer to the same question in the test they have just written, and each is positive that his answer is right and that the other fellow's is wrong. Somewhere else a student is doing his homework, he should have done the previous night, so that if the teacher asks who has done such and such a problem, he will have something down. A group of girls standing in a less crowded part of the hallway are talking about the last dance, or telling each other the latest gossip. It seems to be the only place where everyone has something to say, because during a class they are as quiet as mice.

THE CHEMISTRY LABORATORY

When a student or visitor enters our Chemistry Laboratory for the first time, he must be impressed by the clean, orderly room. On all sides are cupboards containing equipment for three of our school subjects, chemistry, physics and biology. Along one side is our work counter with its sets of drawers for students' equipment, and two sinks for washing beakers, test tubes, and other containers.

To begin working in this laboratory a student must understand and observe certain rules. He must wear some covering to protect his clothes; he must know where the first aid kit, the fire extinguishers and the fire escape are, and he must be responsible for the care of his equipment. Then he picks a "lab. partner" who will work with him all through the year.

The advantage of practical experience in a laboratory is that a student learns by doing as well as learning; the actions of certain chemicals and the principles of physics are thus more easily understood.

A BIT OF WHIMSEY TWAS THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS

It has been heartily agreed by the students that school needs some drastic changes for the Xmas season. So, this is a student's idea of the perfect week before Xmas.

There will be no classes, cause the teachers will be too busy writing our notes, repairing text books, and as a final gesture, to show that they "Forgive and Forget" in the true Xmas style, marking our report cards with straight A's.

Each brightly decorated classroom will be the scene of some type of entertainment varying from dancing in the auditorium, to popping corn by the new fireplace in the lower hall.

Oh Boy! This week could be one continual Xmas Eve—but unfortunately, the Department of Education got their ideas in first!



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COLUMBUS HALL, BLAIRMORE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st

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Parnell Theatres' HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS

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Saturday and Monday, Dec. 25 and 27

Dick POWELL and Jane GREER, in

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NO MATINEE SATURDAY

Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 28 and 29

Bob Cameron and Cathy Downs, in

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The West's most famous outlaws!

MATINEE TUESDAY at 2 p.m.

Final Chapter of SERIAL will be shown

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 30 and 31

Frank Sundstrom and Audrey Long, in

"Song Of My Heart"

A Great Love Story

Orpheum Theatre, Blairmore

Saturday and Monday, Dec. 25 and 27

HAL ROACH presents

"LAFF-TIME"

In Gay New Cinecolor TWO PARTS

Part 1 William Tracy and Joe Sawyer, in

"Here Comes Trouble"

Part 2 Eilene Janssen and Virginia Grey

in

"Who Killed 'Doc' Robbin"

Bellevue Theatre, Bellevue

Saturday and Monday, Dec. 25 and 27

Frank Sundstrom and Audrey Long, in

"Song Of My Heart"

With the glorious melodies of Tchaikovsky

To All Our Patrons--A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Roxy Theatre, Coleman

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1949

MID-NIGHT PREVIEW

Jack Carson and Janis Paige, in

"Romance on the High Seas"

in Technicolor

Saturday and Monday, Jan. 1 and 3

Loretta Young and William Holden, in

"Rachel and the Stranger"

Rugged Drama

Saturday Matinee at 2 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 4 and 5

HAL ROACH presents

"LAFF-TIME"

In Gay New Cinecolor TWO PARTS

Part 1—William Tracy and Joe Sawyer, in

"Here Comes Trouble"

Part 2 Eilene Janssen and Virginia Grey

in

"Who Killed 'Doc' Robbin"

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 6 and 7

Jack Carson and Janis Paige, in

"Romance on the High Seas"

in Technicolor

Orpheum Theatre, Blairmore

Saturday and Monday, Jan. 1 and 3

Randolph Scott, in

"Return of the Bad Men"

Terror Strikes Again!

Bellevue Theatre, Bellevue

Saturday and Monday, Jan. 1 and 3

Jack Carson and Janis Paige, in

"Romance on the High Seas"

in Technicolor



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Is far beyond our powers;
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Frank Aboussafy
Coleman

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to all and my sincere wish that the coming
year bring Peace on Earth and Goodwill to
ward Men.

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Christmas Cheer

OUR wish for you, and you, and you—for all
our fellow citizens in this Christmas season—
is prosperity, happiness and all the good
things of life.



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Christmas Cheer

It is our hope that the patronage we have enjoyed during
the past year has been justified by the service we have
rendered and that our service may be improved to warrant
your continued goodwill through the years to come. To all
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

J. M. Allan and Staff



To all Canadian Legion Members and their friends
Coleman Branch of the Canadian Legion

Christmas Message



R. Chapman



Lieuts. E. Burkholder

Greetings at this Christmas
Season:

No one knows for certain why
December 25th was chosen as the
day on which Christmas should be
observed. There is no accurate
knowledge of the date. The Romans
had their Saturnalia, which had
degenerated into unrestrained
revelry and the Christians may
have wished to counteract its
demoralizing influence by a celebra-
tion of their own.

Back of the selection of the
present date was undoubtedly the
fact that the Christians of that
time believed, though mistakenly,
that the night of the 24th of
December was the longest and
darkest of the year, and on the
morning of the 26th the sun for
the first time was victorious over
what had been the steadily in-
creasing darkness. December 25th
therefore seemed the most ap-
propriate time to celebrate the
visit of the "Dayspring from on
high".

Christmas is the symbol of our
Christian conviction that light is
stronger than darkness, goodness
more powerful than evil, and the
eternal forces of the universe are
on the side of the constructive ef-
forts of mankind.

To some, Christmas is simply a
time of merry-making; a time
when gifts are exchanged, a time
when saddened hearts are gladden-
ed by the love and goodness of
friends. But is this enough? If
we carelessly dismiss the "Christ"
from Christmas our lives are left
void and vacant, and Christmas be-
comes meaningless. Christmas is
observed because of Christ! On
this particular day our memories
are stirred as we think of His
coming into this world as a fulfil-
ment of prophecy. We remember
that He was called "Jesus" because
He came to save His people from
their sin.

The Jews had looked for the
coming of a king who would res-
cue them from the tyranny of
Rome. Christ came as The King,
but He did not come to lead mil-
litant forces, but His was an
Heavenly Kingdom. He came to
bring life and liberty to the "Who-
soever", and today the name
"Jesus" though spoke in varied
languages, can be heard on lips
the world over. His good news and
His message is still proclaimed to
men and women the world over. A
seemingly lost humanity can be
changed and brought to new Hope;
simply by accepting the Salvation
which Christ brought to a sin-sick
world.

Let us rightfully observe the
birth of Christ this season. Let
us not only keep the traditions of
Christmas—the giving of gifts, the
singing of carols but may we maintain
and cherish the true Spirit by giving
unto Christ our lives and our true
devotion.

"Far, far away in Bethlehem,
And years are long and dim,
Since Mary held a Holy Child,
And angels sang to Him,
But still to hearts where faith and
love

Make room for Christ in them,
He comes again, the Child from
God,
To find His Bethlehem."

Christmas Message



The birth of a king down
through the ages has always been
the occasion of much jubilant cele-
bration. Only in recent weeks did
the huge bells ring in their bel-
lows to announce to the far cor-
ners of the earth that a new prince
had been born.

These events come however, are
remembered for a time, but as the
days pass by, they fade into the
past, and are no longer remem-
bered.

But let us turn back the pages
of time nearly two thousand years
until we arrive at an event which
is still very near and dear to the
heart of every living Christian. The
night was cold and we can picture
a very loving husband and wife
going about from door to door,
trying to find a place to spend
the night. The husband, Joseph,
was very worried, because the days
were almost fulfilled when his
wife, Mary, was to become the
mother of God. Finally, because
of lack of accommodations, Mary
and Joseph were forced to spend
the night in a cold stable; and it
was there, under those poverized
conditions, that the son of God was
brought into the world—the Re-
deemer which God Himself had
promised, who would open the
gates of heaven that had been
closed by the sin of our first pa-
rents. Then a star of great bril-
liance appeared, illuminating the
entire surroundings, and legions of
angels hovered overhead singing
their Divine Praises to Christ, the
King of Kings, and bringing that
long awaited ray of hope, prom-
ising "peace on earth to all men
of good will."

Unfortunately, the world has
turned from the spirit of that first
Christmas morn. Man, through
pride and selfishness, has turned
the world from the spirit of that
first Christmas to a world of strife
and discord.

Remember, the angels promised
peace on earth not to all men, but
only to those of good will. When
the infant Christ grew into man-
hood He showed us by His word
and example how to be men of
good will. To those who have fol-
lowed His teaching their reward has
been as promised — a true and
internal peace, resulting from love
for God and our neighbor, to the
others who have not followed His
teaching, but through greed and
envy, have elected to find their
own happiness, their lot has been
one of failure and disappointment.
The owner that men forget their
selfish motives, and bow down and
adore Christ as did the humble
shepherds of old, the sooner will
we have peace among all men and
all nations of this earth.

L. Sullivan.

Salvation Army Xmas Tree Party

A large crowd of children and
their parents gathered in the
Salvation Army Hall, Coleman, on
Monday, December 20th, for their
annual Christmas Programme.

A varied programme was pre-
sented by the children, which in-
cluded recitations, Christmas Carol
singing, Christmas plays and a
piano solo. A high-light of the
Programme was the number given
by the tiny tots of the Primary
under the direction of Mrs. J. Mc-
Quarrie. These little folk carried
letters which built up the word
Christmas, and each said recita-
tions depicting their letter. After
which the entire Primary group
sang two action choruses, "God Is
Good to Me" and "The Wiseman
Built His House Upon the Rock,"
and then by means of a song
wished the audience a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year.

After the programme came the
main event of the evening, the
entrance of dear old Santa Claus,
who gladdened the heart of each
boy and girl by the gift of a Chris-
mas bag, which included candies,
nuts, apples and oranges.



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ness in the New Year.

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Empire Coffee Shop

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